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1218

Year **1218** (**MCCXVIII**) was a common year starting on Monday (link will display the full calendar) of the Julian calendar.

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	12th century · **13th century** · 14th century
Decades:	1190s · 1200s · **1210s** · 1220s · 1230s
Years:	1215 · 1216 · 1217 · **1218** · 1219 · 1220 · 1221

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Events

By area

Africa

- August 31 – Al-Kamil becomes the new Egyptian Sultan, on the death of his father Al-Adil.

Asia

- May 24 – The Fifth Crusade leaves Acre for Egypt.
- May 30 – Damietta is besieged by the knights of the Fifth Crusade.
- Minamoto no Sanetomo becomes *Udaijin* of Japan.
- The Kara-Khitan Khanate is destroyed by Genghis Khan's Mongolian cavalry.
- Genghis Khan's Mongols, under the leadership of his eldest son Jochi, conduct a second campaign against the Kyrgyz.

1218 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	1218 *MCCXVIII*
Ab urbe condita	1971
Armenian calendar	667 ԹՎ ՈԿԷ
Assyrian calendar	5968
Balinese saka calendar	1139–1140
Bengali calendar	625
Berber calendar	2168
English Regnal year	2 Hen. 3 – 3 Hen. 3
Buddhist calendar	1762
Burmese calendar	580
Byzantine calendar	6726–6727
Chinese calendar	丁丑年 (Fire Ox) 3914 or 3854 — *to* — 戊寅年 (Earth Tiger) 3915 or 3855
Coptic calendar	934–935
Discordian calendar	2384

- Genghis Khan proposes to the Khwarazm shah of Persia that he accept Mongol overlordship, and establish trade relations.

Europe

- March – The Treaty of Worcester recognises Llywelyn the Great as regent of south Wales.[1]
- July – Spain: In order to facilitate the movement of Reconquista, Pope Honorius III reverses Innocent III's earlier judgement, and declares Ferdinand III of Castile legitimate heir to the Kingdom of Leon.[2]

By topic

Education

- Alfonso IX of León grants a royal charter to the University of Salamanca.

Markets

- The northern French city of Rheims emits the first recorded public life annuity in medieval Europe. Theretofore, this type of instrument had been mostly issued by religious institutions. The emission by Rheims is the first evidence of a consolidation of public debt that is to become common in the Langue d'Oïl, the Low Countries and Germany.[3]

Religion

- Saint Pedro Nolasco founds the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy in Barcelona, Spain.

Ethiopian calendar	1210–1211
Hebrew calendar	4978–4979
Hindu calendars	
- *Vikram Samvat*	1274–1275
- *Shaka Samvat*	1139–1140
- *Kali Yuga*	4318–4319
Holocene calendar	11218
Igbo calendar	218–219
Iranian calendar	596–597
Islamic calendar	614–615
Japanese calendar	Kenpō 6 (建保６年)
Javanese calendar	1126–1127
Julian calendar	1218 *MCCXVIII*
Korean calendar	3551
Minguo calendar	694 before ROC 民前694年
Nanakshahi calendar	−250
Thai solar calendar	1760–1761
Tibetan calendar	阴火牛年 (female Fire-Ox) 1344 or 963 or 191 — *to* — 阳土虎年 (male Earth-Tiger) 1345 or 964 or 192

Births

- February 12 – Kujō Yoritsune, Japanese shōgun (d. 1256)
- May 1
  - John I, Count of Hainaut (d. 1257)
  - Rudolf I of Germany, Holy Roman Emperor (d. 1291)
- October 30 – Emperor Chūkyō of Japan (d. 1234)
- *date unknown*
  - Abel, King of Denmark (d. 1252)
  - Yolande of Brittany, Breton countess, French regent (d. 1272)

    - Sir Maurice de Berkeley, English knight (d. 1281)
- *approximate*
    - Marie de Coucy, French-born queen consort of Scotland (d. 1285)
    - Hulagu Khan, Mongol ruler of Persia (d. 1265)
    - Irene Komnene Palaiologina, member of the Byzantine imperial family and nun (d. 1284)

Deaths

- January 10 – Hugh I of Cyprus
- February 2 – Konstantin of Rostov, Prince of Novgorod (b. 1186)
- February 18 – Berthold V, Duke of Zähringen (b. 1160)
- May 19 – Otto IV, Holy Roman Emperor
- June 25 – Simon de Montfort, 5th Earl of Leicester, French crusader (b. 1160)
- July 6 – Odo III, Duke of Burgundy (b. 1166)
- November 12 – Henry de Abergavenny, Prior of Abergavenny and Bishop of Llandaff
- December 28 – Robert II, Count of Dreux (b. 1154)
- *date unknown*
    - Al-Adil I, Egyptian general and ruler, Sultan of Egypt, Syria and northern Mesopotamia (b. 1145)
    - Richard de Clare, 3rd Earl of Hertford, English politician (b. 1162)
    - Jayavarman VII, ruler of the Khmer Empire (b. 1125)
- *approximate date* – Umadevi, Indian queen and general (b. 1150)

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